

Too Close To Call

Strong math skills needed
to determine winners

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1. PlayCraft Powertoon 27 X-Treme with a Mercury 350 Verado
2. Bennington 2275GLi with a Evinrude 250hp H.O

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Bennington entered our race for the first time with its 2275GLi powered by an Evinrude 250hp H.O. Brad Fishbourne was behind the wheel and topped out at 53 mph at full throttle. PlayCraft's Terry Kuchenberg made his racing debut, although PlayCraft is no stranger to our annual race. With the PlayCraft Powertoon 27 X-Treme, powered by a Mercury 350 Verado, Kuchenberg reached a top speed of 60.3 mph. If you thought the 200hp race was close, surprisingly this one was somehow even closer.

We had to check, double check and even triple check our math before finally announcing the winner of this two-boat race. These guys knew how to handle their boats and it showed in the tight turns and burst of power in the home stretch. Bennington finished with its best run at 1:05.37 seconds, while the PlayCraft finished with 1:05.36 seconds. Neither one deserved to lose this one and again, we should have given them another shot at the course to settle it on the water when the numbers proved to be this close.



Close Call. PlayCraft's Terry Kuchenberg (L) edged out Bennington's Brad Fishburn in the closest race of the day. Bennington finished with its best averaged run at 1:05.37 seconds, while the PlayCraft finished with 1:05.36 seconds.



Close Call. Bennington's Brad Fishburn was all business as he competed in the closest race of the day and probably in the history of our McKainer Barrel Race.